

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
 21,583-B USA

In Re Application Of: William E. M. Jones et al.

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 5-2004

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Invention: THE USE OF CATALYSTS IN STANDBY VALVE-REGULATED LEAD ACID CELLS

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 28, 2004 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: December 31, 2004      until: April 28, 2004

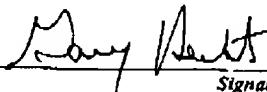
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A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$740 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.  
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-5425

  
*Gary Hecht*  
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Dated: April 27, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 04/27/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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